

ANNUAL REPORT

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PROFILE

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Youth Forum

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Upper Rhymney Primary School
Rhymney Comprehensive School

ATTENDANCE

From May 2015 to May 2016 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
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Council	12	12
Crime and Disorder	2	2
Policy and Resources	8	8
Regeneration and Environment	7	8
Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee	3	3
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel	2	3

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

I undertook the following training and development seminars and courses: -

WLGA Young Councillor Weekend
 Regeneration and Environment (Annual & 6 Monthly Update)
 Policy and Resources (Annual)
 Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar x 2)
 Community Council Liaison Sub Committee (Annual)
 Senior Councillor Development Programme (3/6 completed)

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I am a member of the Ael y Bryn Community Centre Management Committee and was also re-elected Secretary of the Pen y Dre Tenants & Residents Association.

I continued to meet on a Quarterly basis with the local Tenants & Residents Association, the police, community safety, dog warden, environmental health and the housing team to discuss and deal with issues within the ward.

On Friday 29th April 2016, we officially opened the New Play Area on the Ty Coch Estate following years of campaigning. We were able to secure over £35,000 funding for this facility and the amount of children using it on a daily basis clearly demonstrates the demand for this park.

I have supported the local community centre with the set up of their new Luncheon Club and also supported them to obtain funding for another year. The Luncheon Club is popular and I am glad we were able to obtain funding for this to continue.

On Thursday 14 January 2016 I attended the opening of the Hafod Deg Resource Centre with Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty. The Minister officially opened the newly refurbished Hafod Deg Resource Centre on Rhymney High Street. The facility has been transformed into a fully functioning multi agency facility, providing a range of support services to meet the needs of the community in Rhymney, facilitated by Communities First and I am pleased many local people will be able to access many services on their doorstep.

I continued to work with officers and residents regarding the £4.2M Regeneration Programme at Rowan Place. I am also part of the Multi Agency Group to look at tackling the wider issues in this area. Over the coming months I will be working with residents to implement the Environmental Programme in this area.

On Saturday 7th November 2015 we launched the new memorial garden in Princetown and Tafarnaubach, honouring those who served in the two world wars. Following our success in obtaining the funding, The Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council, Cllr Leon Gardiner, opened the garden at a commemoration. The former village garden which had become overgrown and difficult to maintain has now turned into a beautiful memorial garden for all of the community to enjoy.

On 5 Aug 2015 Caerphilly Council's Planning Committee rejected plans for a new opencast mine at Nant Llesg. I spoke in the planning meeting against this plan and highlighted the community views of this plan. I will continue to be an active voice and attend the meetings to speak up for the area I was brought up and represent.